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Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated March 8, 2005, for one month from June 8, 2005 to July 8, 2005. The granting of the requested extension of time will not extend the period for response beyond the six-month statutory limit.

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